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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

State Capitol, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA

Minutes of Meeting  
September 27, 2007

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Cathie Bennett Warner  
Michele Burton, M.P.H.  
Jerome Horton  
John Longville  
Vicki Marti

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Wilma Chan  
Nancy McFadden

**CMAC STAFF PRESENT**

Keith Berger, Executive Director  
Paul Cerles  
Denise DeTrano  
Holland Golec  
Mark Klobberdanz  
Katie Knudson  
Genaro Rodriguez  
Steve Soto  
Becky Swol  
Mike Tagupa  
Mervin Tamai  
Karen Thalhammer

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sunni Burns, Department of Health Care Services

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT**

Thomas Williams, Department of Finance

**I. Call to Order**

The September 27, 2007 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Chair Cathie Bennett Warner. A quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The September 13, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

### **III. Executive Director's Report**

Keith Berger, Executive Director, began his report by thanking CMAC's Deputy Director, Paul Cerles, and CMAC staff for the great job they did while he was out of the office earlier this month, including taking responsibility for the last Commission meeting.

Regarding the overview of the State Budget, Mr. Berger said that it was his understanding that last minute scheduling conflicts resulted in a Department of Finance (DOF) representative not being able to attend this or the last CMAC meeting. CMAC staff will work with DOF representatives to assure the information is available at the next meeting.

Mr. Berger reminded the Commissioners that they were provided with copies of the last two weekly Board updates by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services on the status of implementation of the contingency services plan at Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital as part of staff's ongoing efforts to keep the Commissioners abreast of the situation in Los Angeles.

In addition, Mr. Berger noted, the Hospital Association of Southern California has requested to appear before the Commission in open session at CMAC's October 11 meeting to provide an update on the impact of the closure of Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital on the surrounding private hospitals. CMAC hopes to also have a representative from Los Angeles County at the meeting to provide additional information regarding how the county is responding.

Mr. Berger informed the Commissioners that there was a full closed session agenda. Before the Commissioners for review and action in today's closed session, there are 54 hospital contract amendments, including amendments for Round 3A of the Private Hospital Supplemental Fund as indicated in CMAC's original Round 3A schedule. In addition, there are a number of important updates and discussions regarding current hospital and managed care negotiations.

### **IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report**

Sunni Burns, DHCS, informed CMAC that when the initial health care reform modeling proposal was released on August 24, a few errors had been found. She noted that the proposals are currently being refined and there is no set finalization date as of yet.

Regarding the Health Coverage Initiative, Ms. Burns said that the final draft of the Special Terms and Conditions was received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and, with there being no language issues from DHCS, an effective date has been set for September 20. She noted that CMS has confirmed that date does not affect the September 1 start date of the eight counties who began enrolling people under the Coverage Initiative at the beginning of September. Alameda County is scheduled to begin October 1, leaving only one county, San Diego, outstanding.

Regarding the State Plan Amendment (SPA) on the cost of physician services, Ms. Burns noted that the SPA is back "on the clock" as of September 25 and that DHCS and CMS are planning a conference call to discuss and resolve any outstanding issues. The call is not yet scheduled.

**V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment**

There being no further new business and no comments from the public, Chair Bennett Warner recessed the open session. Chair Bennett Warner opened the closed session, and after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Chair Bennett Warner announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.